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## Gabon

### US State Dept Travel Advisory

The US Department of State currently recommends US citizens exercise increased caution in travel to Gabon due to COVID-19. Consult its website via the link below for updates to travel advisories and statements on safety, security, local laws and special circumstances in this country.

<https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/traveladvisories/traveladvisories.html>

### Passport/Visa Requirements

US citizens should make sure their passport will not expire for at least 6 months after they enter the country even if they do not intend to stay that long. They should also make sure they have at least 1 blank page in their passport for any entry stamp and or visa that will be required. A visa is required. US citizens will need to get in touch with the country's embassy or nearest consulate to obtain a visa prior to visiting the country.

### US Embassy/ Consulate

[241] 01-45-71-00; US Embassy in Libreville, Sablière B.P. 4000, Libreville, Gabon

### Telephone Code

241

### Local Emergency Phone

Ambulance: 1300-1399; Fire: 18; Police: 1730

### Vaccinations

An International Certificate of Vaccination for yellow fever is required for all travelers. See WHO recommendations.

<http://www.who.int>

### Climate

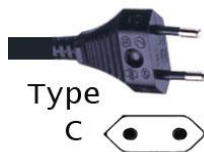
Tropical; always hot, humid

### Currency (Code)

Cooperation Financiere en Afrique Central francs (Central African CFA franc, XAF)

### Electricity/Voltage/Plug Type(s)

220 V / 50 Hz / plug type(s): C



### Major Languages

French, Fang, Myene, Nzebi, Bapounou/Eschira, Bandjabi

### Religions

Roman Catholic 42.3%, Protestant 12.3%, other Christian 27.4%, Muslim 9.8%, animist 0.6%, other 0.5%, none/no answer 7.1%

### Time Difference

UTC+1 (6 hours ahead of Washington, DC, during Standard Time)

### Potable Water

Opt for bottled water.

### International Driving Permit

Suggested

<b>Road Driving Side</b>	Right
<b>Tourist destinations</b>	Libreville; Loango National Park; Fernan Vaz Lagoon; Ivindo National Park (includes Kongou Falls)
<b>Major sporting events</b>	Soccer, basketball
<b>Cultural Practices</b>	Personal space is not considered necessary in Gabon, where it is common for conversations to occur at very close distances.
<b>Tipping Guidelines</b>	Tips are not expected in hotels and restaurants, except at upscale locales frequented by foreigners. Tip drivers and guides 10%.

Please visit the following links to find further information about your desired destination.

[World Health Organization \(WHO\) - To learn what vaccines and health precautions to take while visiting your destination. http://www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

[US State Dept Travel Information - Overall information about foreign travel for US citizens. https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html](https://travel.state.gov/content/travel/en/international-travel.html)

[To obtain an international driving permit \(IDP\). Only two organizations in the US issue IDPs: American Automobile Association \(AAA\) \(www.aaa.com\) and American Automobile Touring Alliance \(ATA\) \(www.aataidp.com\)](http://www.aaa.com)

US citizens may call the US Dept of State (+1-202-501-4444) for emergencies abroad.

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